

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (original) A fuel cell system having a cooling fluid flowing therethrough, comprising: a fuel cell stack in heat transfer communication with said cooling fluid; and a conduit through which said cooling fluid flows and comprising a first layer of hydrogen-permeable material, wherein hydrogen within said cooling fluid permeates through said first layer of hydrogen-permeable material to reduce a hydrogen content of said cooling fluid.
2. (original) The fuel cell system of claim 1 further comprising a support layer disposed concentric to said first layer of hydrogen-permeable material.
3. (original) The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein said support layer is breathable to enable passage of said hydrogen to atmosphere.
4. (original) The fuel cell system of claim 2 wherein said support layer includes a mesh through which said hydrogen permeates.
5. (original) The fuel cell system of claim 1 further comprising a second layer of hydrogen-permeable material disposed about said first layer of hydrogen-permeable material.

6. (original) The fuel cell system of claim 5 further comprising a support layer disposed between said first and second layers of hydrogen permeable material.

7. (original) The fuel cell system of claim 1 further comprising a fluid-permeable protective layer disposed about said conduit, protecting said conduit from impact with debris.

8. (original) The fuel cell system of claim 1 further comprising a hydrogen-permeable layer having a partial catalyst coating to induce a reaction between said hydrogen and oxygen to produce water.

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